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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

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SUBJECT: FRENCH/SOMALI RELATIONS

1. ACCORDING TO FRENCH AMBASSADOR BASTOUIL, DURING MAY 25 MEETING WITH SOMALI FOREIGN MINISTER ABDURRAHMAN JAMA BARRE, FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE BOTH OF REDUCTION OF AFAR/SOMALI RIVALRY IN DJIBOUTI AND OF DJIBOUTI GOVERNMENT MAINTAINING A NEUTRAL POSITION IN THE DISPUTE BETWEEN SOMALIA AND ETHIOPIA. DE GUIRINGAUD URGED SOMALI GOVERNMENT (GSDR) TO USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH PRESIDENT HASSAN GOULED TO FOSTER BOTH OF THESE DESIDERATA.

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2. DE GUIRIANGAUD ALSO RAISED POSSIBILITY OF A REGIONAL CONFERENCE TO ADDRESS PROBLEMS OF THE HORN. THE FRENCH INTEND TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF A CONFERENCE FURTHER DURING SIAD'S VISIT TO PARIS, NOW SCHEDULED FOR 15 JUNE. (WHEN ASKED, BASTOUIL SUGGESTED THAT THE PARTICIPANTS MIGHT BE MADE UP OF ETHIOPIA AND HER IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORS, SOMALIA, KENYA,

SUDAN AND DJIBOUTI, WITH THE POSSIBLE ADDITIONS OF EGYPT AND PDRY).

3. FOR WHAT ITS WORTH, SOMALI FOREIGN MINISTER ASSURED FRENCH THAT THOUGH GDSR COULD NOT REFUSE "MORAL SUPPORT" TO WESTERN SOMALI LIBERATION FRONT, GSDRWAS CURRENTLY IN NO POSITION TO PROVIDE ANY MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO GUERRILLA FORCES. IN REPLY DE GUIRINGAUD NOTED THAT IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF SIAD COULD MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENT OF RESPECT OF HIS NEIGHBORS' BORDERS WHILE IN PARIS.

4. BASTOUIL HOPES FRENCH WILL ALSO USE JUNE 15 MEETING TO WARN SIAD OF SERIOUS FRENCH CONCERN OVER POSSIBILITY OF GUERRILLA ATTACKS ON ADDIS-DJIBOUTI RAILWAY, ESPECIALLY IN DJIBOUTI TERRITORY. (SEE DJIBOUTI 824).
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